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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

THINK FOOD
School Nutrition Programs
Shipment 7
December 2011

SHIPMENT UPDATES

The USDA has made changes to delivery dates for several products in order to make the purchases. Because of these changes, adjustments have been made to the shipping schedule. Following is the list of foods planned for shipping on Shipments 7 through 11.

Shipment 7

Apricots, Veggie Beans, Kidney Beans, Pinto Beans, Corn Cnd, Peaches, Pears* and Salsa (Split from Shipment 9)

Shipment 8

Ground Beef, Breaded Beef Steaks, Chicken Patty Tenders, Strawberry Cups, Eggs, Peach Cups, Potato Wedges* and Potato Oven Fries*

Shipment 9

Applesauce*, Fruit Mix*, Cheese Slc*, Flour AP, Flour B, Peaches, Pears* and Salsa (Split with Shipment 7)

Shipment 10

Ground Beef, Charbroiled Beef Patties, Chix Diced, Chix Fajita, Pancakes, Potato Rounds, Potatoes Oven Fries, and Roasted Chicken 8PC

Shipment 11

Applesauce*, Green Beans, Fruit Mix Dried, Mixed Fruit*, Peaches, Peanut Butter, Pears* and Tomato Paste

Items noted with (*) have not yet been purchased by the USDA so additional changes are still possible. Watch for updates via future Think Food information newsletters and by e-mail on MTLunchline.



**USDA FOODS INVENTORY
MANAGEMENT**

Under single inventory recordkeeping, School Food

Authorities (SFA) are not required to maintain a separate inventory of USDA Foods nor is it required to report such inventory to the OPI School Nutrition Office. SFAs should follow the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) procedure to ensure that storage/shelf life guidance is followed and products do not become outdated.

To prevent waste of entitlement dollars, the USDA regulations require that *USDA Foods be requested in quantities which can be consumed without waste. USDA regulations*

also state that USDA Foods shall not be sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the State Agency.

USDA Foods may be transferred between like recipient agencies such as schools or RCCIs participating in the National School Lunch Programs. The OPI Food Distribution Office must be notified prior to the transfer of any USDA Foods.

It is unfortunate but occasionally USDA Foods are lost for various reasons. When this happens remember that the OPI School Nutrition Food Distribution Office needs to be notified prior to the destruction of any USDA Foods.

Forms for transfer or disposal of USDA Foods can be found on the OPI School Nutrition Programs/USDA Foods Web site listed below and clicking on Forms.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_3.

Contact the OPI Food Distribution Office at (406) 444-4415 with questions regarding USDA Foods.

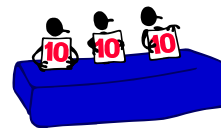
2013 USDA FOODS ORDER

The USDA Foods order form for school year 2013 is now available online at <https://data.opi.mt.gov/USDAFoods/Frmlogin.aspx>. The deadline for placing orders is **January 20, 2012**. There can be no extensions to this deadline so be sure to get your order in prior to the **January 20, 2012 deadline**.



PROCESSING FAIR RESULTS

The following companies, listed by category, had products that scored 40 percent or higher at the OPI School Nutrition Programs processing fair in October.



Beef - Advance Pierre, Integrated Food Services, Kings Command, Tyson and JTM.

Chicken/Turkey - Asian Solutions, Tyson, Pilgrim's Pride, Jennie-O and JTM.

Pork - JTM and Advance Pierre.

Fish - American Pride Seafood.

Mozzarella Cheese - ConAgra, Bosco, and Schwan's.

Cheddar Cheese - JTM, Integrated Food Service, Land O' Lakes, MCI Los Cabos, and Rich's Products.

Peanut Butter - Advance Pierre and Smuckers.

Potatoes - Idahoan, Simplot, Basic American, and Lamb Wesson.

Sweet Potatoes - Simplot and Lamb Wesson.

Flour - Baker Boy. **Tomatoes** - Red Gold.

Eggs - Michael Foods and Cargill/Sunny Fresh.

Some categories were narrowed down to 2-3 companies, selecting those that scored the highest. Because it was deemed that it was not cost effective to process Potatoes and Fish, they were removed from the list.

